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# The captivating true adventure of the Death Valley Jayhawkers' quest for gold

# Grit and Gold

The Death Valley Jayhawkers of 1849

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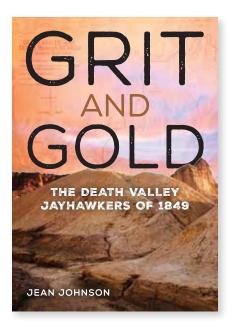
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No other western story is more famous than the Donner Party's ill-fated journey through the Sierra Nevada. But three years later and several hundred miles south, another group faced a similar situation just as perilous. Scrupulously researched and documented, *Grit and Gold* tells the story of the Death Valley Jayhawkers of 1849 and the young men who traveled by wagon and foot from Illinois to the California gold rush. The Jayhawkers' journey took them through the then uncharted and unnamed hottest, driest, lowest spot in the continent—now aptly known as Death Valley.

After leaving Salt Lake City to break a road south to the Pacific coast that would eliminate crossing the snowy Sierra Nevada, the party veered off the Old Spanish Trail in southern Utah to follow a mountaineer's map portraying a bogus trail that claimed to cut months and hundreds of miles off their route to the gold country. With winter coming, however, they found themselves hopelessly lost in the mountains and dry valleys of southern Nevada and California. Abandoning everything but the shirts on their backs and the few oxen that became their pitiful meals, they turned their dreams of gold into hopes of survival.

Utilizing William Lorton's 1849 diary of the trek from Illinois to southern Utah, the reminiscences of the Jayhawkers themselves, the keen memory of famed pioneer William Lewis Manly, and the almost daily diary of Sheldon Young, Johnson paints a lively but accurate portrait of guts, grit, and determination.

**Jean Johnson** is the coauthor of several books, including *Escape from Death Valley*. She has spent more than forty years researching the early history of Death Valley National Park, and served on the board of directors of the Death Valley '49ers Inc.



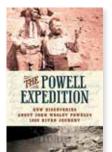
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Portraits of a Successful Immigrant Community

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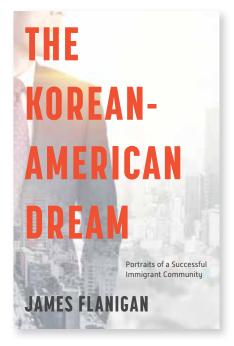
"A timely, compelling book about one of the most inspiring American immigrant success stories ever. Korean newcomers to our shores have contributed mightily to the economic vibrancy of every area—most especially Los Angeles—where they have put down roots."

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At less than two million, Korean Americans are a relatively small group compared to new Americans from China, the Philippines, and India. But with energy and drive, they are building landmarks in New York as well as Los Angeles, lobbying for causes in Washington, founding businesses, heading universities and hospitals, and holding public office in all parts of the United States. Flanigan's compelling narrative, told largely through personal interviews, provides a front-row seat to the economic, business, and cultural developments of the Korean American community. At a time of spirited debate about immigration, their energy and ambition serve as a ringing reminder of the promise of the American mosaic.

James Flanigan, a business columnist for more than fifty years, has covered national and international business and economics for the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, and other publications. Over nearly two decades with Forbes Magazine, he served as bureau chief in Washington, Los Angeles, London, and Houston, before becoming assistant managing editor in New York. His work has won numerous awards, including the Gerald Loeb Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Business and Financial Journalism and the John Hancock Award for Excellence in Business Journalism. He currently lives in Southern California.

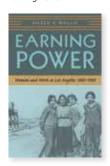


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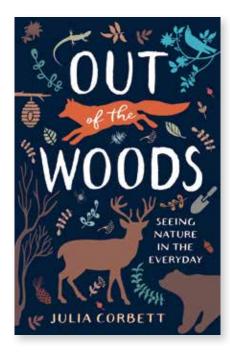
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**Julia Corbett** is the author of two books and a professor in the Department of Communication and the Environmental Humanities Graduate Program at the University of Utah, in Salt Lake City. Her environmental nonfiction essays have been published in venues such as *Orion*, *High Country News*, and *Camas*. Corbett has also served as a newspaper reporter, park ranger, naturalist, natural resources information officer, and deputy press secretary. She summers in the mountains of western Wyoming in her cabin.

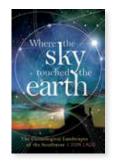


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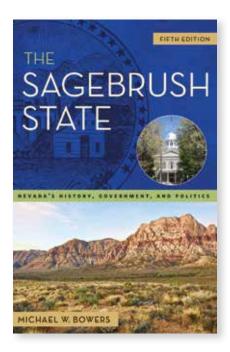
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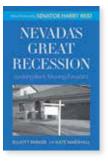
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A significant examination of the key mining professionals who transformed the US-Mexico borderlands

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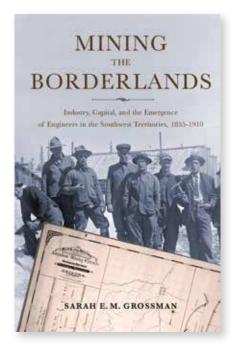
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**Sarah E. M. Grossman** is the editor of the Southeast Asia Program Publications imprint at Cornell University Press in Ithaca, NY. She received her PhD in US history from the University of New Mexico.

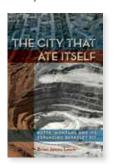


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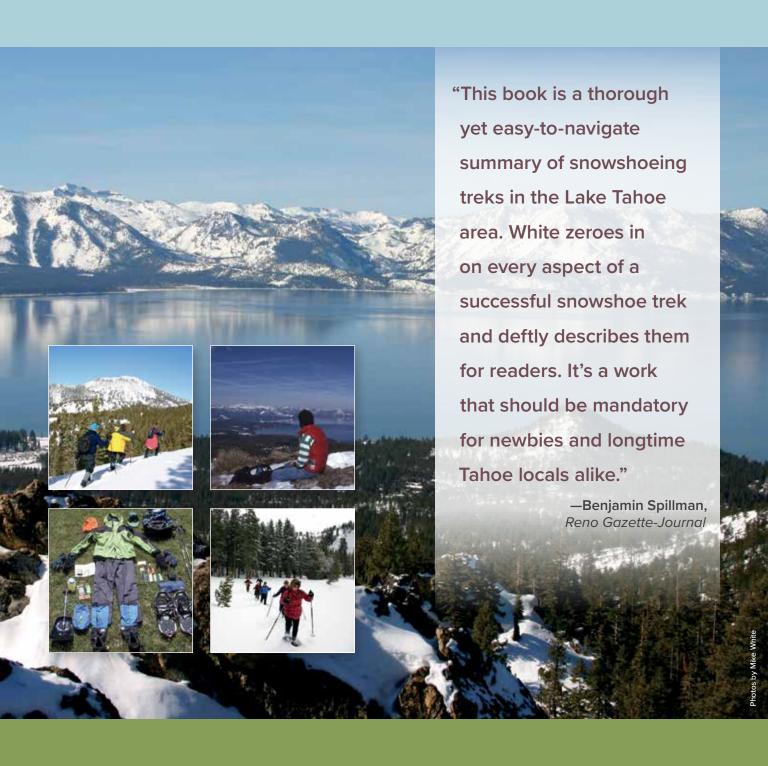
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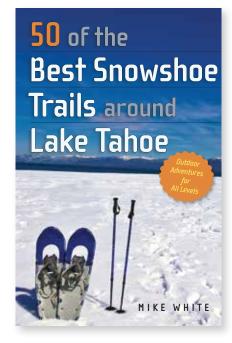
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**Mike White** is a full-time writer and former community college instructor, and is a featured speaker for outdoor and conservation organizations. He has authored numerous outdoor hiking guides, including 50 of the Best Strolls, Walks, and Hikes around Reno, 50 Classic Hikes in Nevada, and Best Backpacking Trips in California and Nevada.

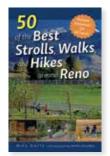


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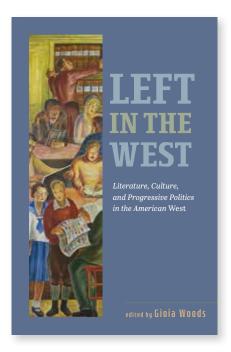
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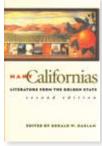


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**Gioia Woods** is professor of humanities at Northern Arizona University. She lives in Flagstaff, Arizona.

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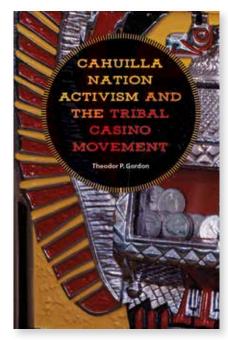
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**Theodor P. Gordon** is a professor in the sociology department at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. He lives in Saint Joseph, Minnesota.



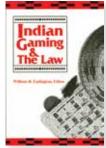
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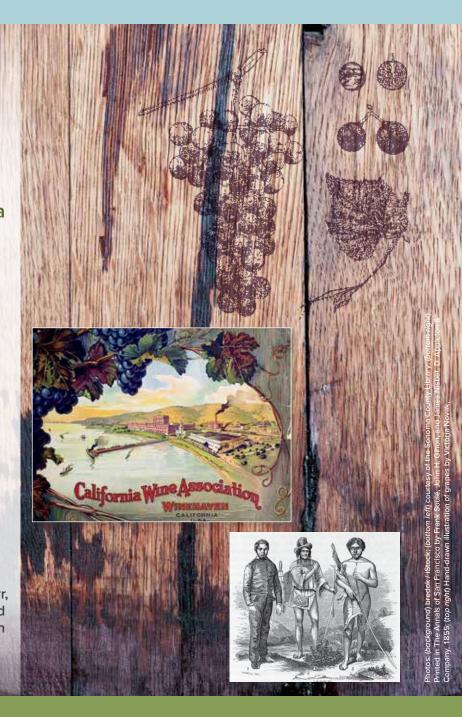
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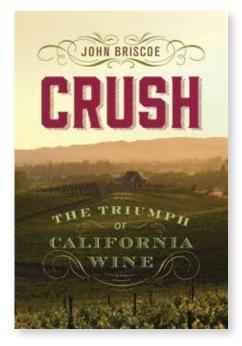
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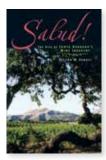
John Briscoe is a poet, author, and lawyer. He has published several books, including *The Lost Poems of Cangjie* and *Tadich Grill: The Story of San Francisco's Oldest Restaurant*, and numerous academic articles on law and history. He is a distinguished fellow at the Law of the Sea Institute, University of California, Berkeley. He has served for twenty-three years on the advisory board of the MFA program in creative writing at St. Mary's College of California, and currently serves as vice president of the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society, and as a board member of a number of other historical societies and organizations.



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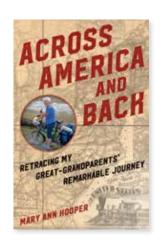
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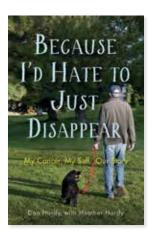
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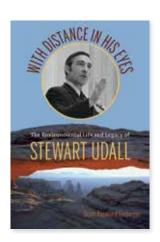
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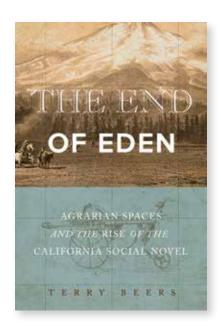
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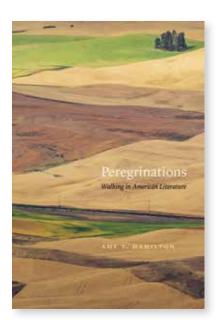
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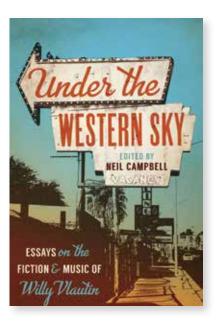


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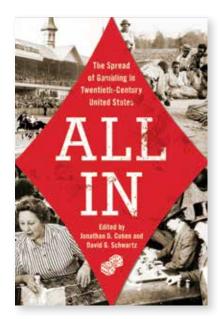
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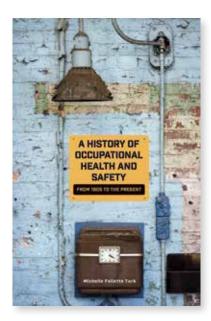
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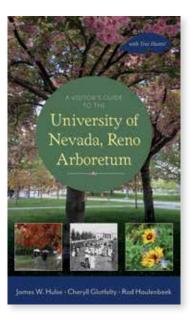
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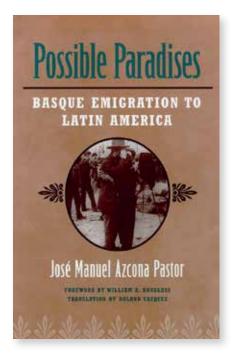


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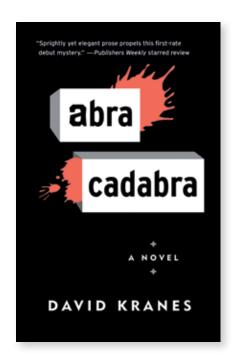
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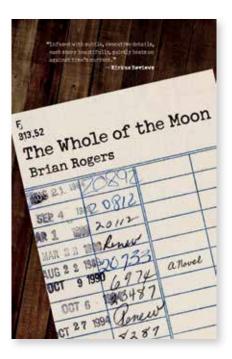
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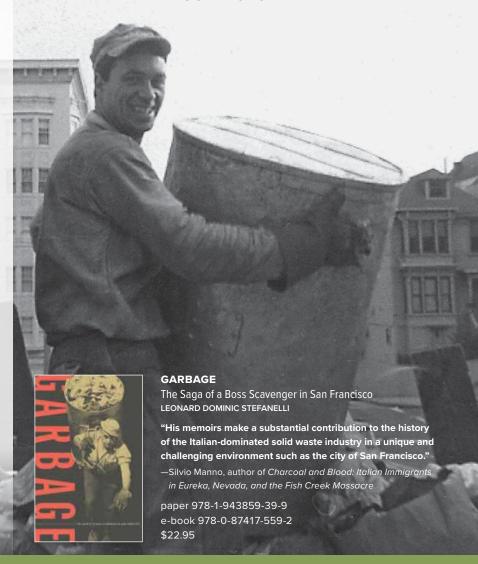
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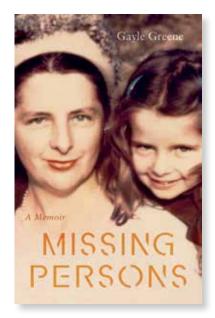
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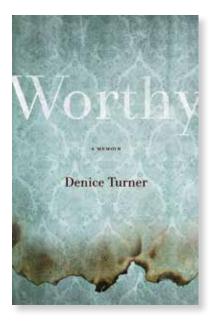


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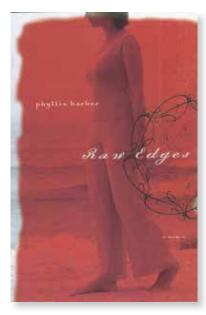
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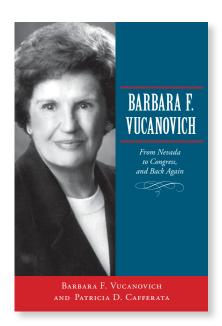
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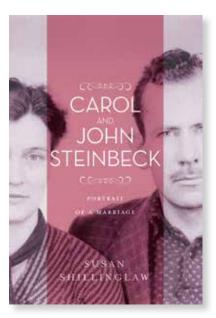
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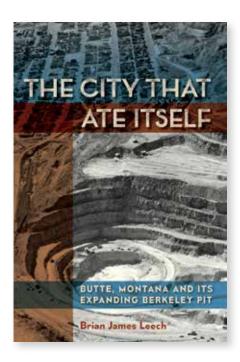
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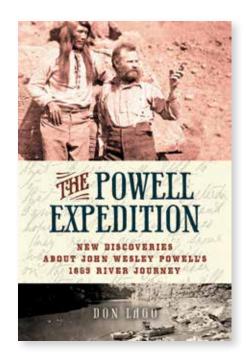
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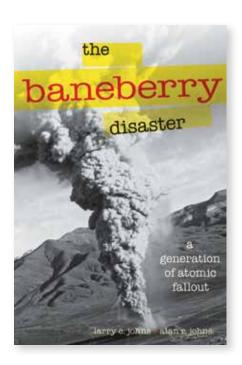
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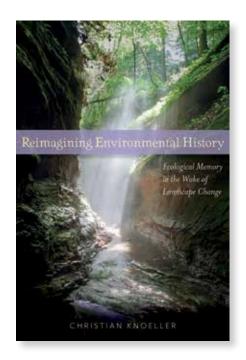
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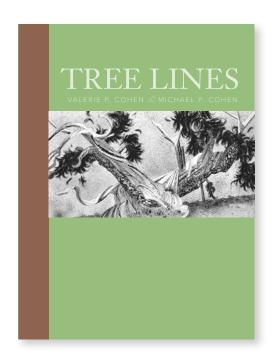
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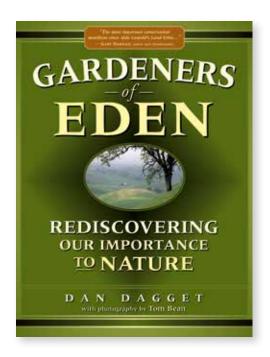
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